A snowy end to the weekend

08 February 2013 - After a chilly week with some snow across eastern parts of the UK, Met Office forecasters are expecting more substantial snow to affect many places on Sunday and Monday.

As we head through the weekend, an area of low pressure will draw cold air from the north-east across the country. On Sunday, rain will hit the cold air and give snow for many, especially for central and northern areas of the UK.

Met Office Severe Weather Warnings are in force catering for as much as 10 cm in places but there is still some uncertainty as to where the worst affected areas will be.

Met Office weather warnings help you plan, prepare and protect yourself and others from the impacts of severe weather.

Eddy Carroll, Met Office Chief Forecaster, said: "Even at this short timescale there is currently a lot of uncertainty about the extent of the rain, sleet and snow later this weekend. People should stay up-to-date with the latest forecasts and warnings and be prepared for some disruption to travel."

The Highways Agency is responsible for motorways and major A roads in England, and Steve Crosthwaite, head of the Highways Agency's National Traffic Operations Centre, said: "We would advise road users to stay alert to the possibility of severe weather and to check the latest forecast before their journey. Anyone setting off on Saturday for a weekend away perhaps should be prepared for more difficult conditions on the way home and commuters would be well-advised to check Sunday evening and be prepared to allow extra time for their journey to work on Monday morning.

"We have been working solidly throughout the winter to treat our network. Our 500-strong fleet of snowploughs and gritters, plus our traffic officer patrols, will be doing everything they can to keep traffic moving."

It will be a cold, frosty and icy start for many on Monday with further outbreaks of sleet and snow, particularly in northern and eastern parts of the UK. Conditions will gradually improve through the day but it will remain cold. Some quieter conditions are expected on Tuesday and Wednesday.

By thinking ahead we can all be better prepared for severe weather. Throughout the winter, the Met Office works with agencies across the UK to help keep the country safe, well and on the move.

The latest forecasts and warnings can be found on the Met Office website, on our mobile apps , and through TV and radio broadcasts on the BBC and ITV.

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